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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004, the Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application. In response to the restriction requirement in the above-identified Office Action, the Applicant hereby elects for further prosecution the alleged distinct species corresponding to the embodiments shown in FIGs. 32A and 32B. It is noted that the Office Action did not assign FIG. 33 to any grouping of figures identified as corresponding to patentably distinct species nor identify it separately as corresponding to a patentably distinct species. The Applicant notes that the embodiment shown in FIG. 33 corresponds to the embodiments shown in FIGs. 32A and 32C. The Applicant respectfully requests clarification regarding FIG. 33.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13-15 and 29 read on FIGs. 32A, 32B and 33.